



The Office of Secretary of State

TO : Georgia Pharmacists

FROM : Georgia State Board of Pharmacy

DATE : July 23, 2010

RE : Action Needed-Must be completed by 12/31/10 for license renewal

Effective February 14, 2010, all Georgia licensed pharmacists are required to acquire continuing education hours in disaster preparedness. Please see update board rule 480-3-.03 as follows:

480-3-.03 Continuing Pharmacy Education.

- (1) The Georgia State Board of Pharmacy has the statutory responsibility and authority for the requirement of continuing education as prerequisite for a license renewal.
- (2) The purpose of continuing education for pharmacists is to maintain and enhance the professional competency of pharmacists licensed to practice in Georgia for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of Georgia.
- (3) As a requirement for the biennial renewal of his/her license, a pharmacist must complete not less than thirty (30) hours of approved continuing education.
 - (a) Of these 30 hours, at least 3 must be in disaster preparedness for pharmacist as approved by the Board.

Continuing education providers for the disaster preparedness training must be approved by ACPE and the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy. Thus far, two providers have been approved:

1. **University of Georgia** - UGA has developed a special webpage for this program. Go to: www.rxugace.com/emergency to see all offerings - live, online, and home study DVD. The point of contact in their office is Christy Hilliard and her number is 706-542-6232. They have also set up a special information line 706-542-6665.
2. **Pharmacist's Letter**- Contact Colleen West, P.O. Box 8190, Stockton, CA 95208
Phone: (209) 472-2240

If other providers are approved, they will be made available on the Board's website at www.sos.ga.gov/plb/pharmacy.